notification *vis-a vis* the best practises in several countries, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has identified integrated coastal area regulation and management as preferred approach for the protection of the coast-line. This approach was recommended in a Workshop on "Strategy for Sustainable Development in the Coastal Area" held in Delhi from November 1st to 3rd, 1999. A proposal on Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan was submitted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to World Bank for assistance under the ongoing Environmental Management Capacity Building Project.

The proposed Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan preparation shall be carried out in three stages as follows:

(i) Mapping of Coastal Cells of the entire coast of India.

(ii) Preparation of Shore Line Management Plans for four risk zones identified in Stage (i).

(iii) Preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for the four identified risk zones.

Further, the Ministry of Environment and Forests provides assistance to coastal States and Union Territories for mangrove plantations to enrich existing mangrove areas and for coastal shelter belt plantations in order to minimise environmental damage and loss of life and property due to natural calamities.

Extinction Threat to Salamander

918. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Salamander, a rare species, is available at Jorepokhri, Darjeeling, only;

(b) whether due to on-going work of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council to build up tourist park at Jorepokhri, Salamander will face total extinction from the planet; and

(c) the action proposed to save Salamander from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Salamander is found in other parts of Darjeeling district as well

(b) Construction of tourist lodge at Jorepokhri has affected the breeding of Salamander.

(c) West Bengal Government has constituted an Expert Committee to look into various aspects of conservation of Salamander in Darjeeling district.

Central Assistance to Darjeeling Zoological Garden

919. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are not paying their share to Darjeeling Zoological Garden authorities for years; and

(b) the year-wise break-up of Central assistance given to Darjeeling Zoo for 1990-91 to 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The assistance provided to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling by Central Government of India is given below. After establishment of the Central Zoo Authority in 1991-92, the plan funds are routed through the

authority